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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

M.S., D.S., P., R.R., A.L.R., CALIFORINA COALITION OF WOMEN PRISONERS, PRECIADO

PLAINTIFF

V .

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION, JOHN RUSSELL BELLHOUSE.

DEFENDANT

CASE NUMBER:

4:2022-CV-08924 YWV 4:2022-CV-09096 4:2023-CV-02668 4:2023-CV-05356 4:2023-CV-04155 4:2024-CV-01980 4:2024-CV-01360

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MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

COMES NOW, JOHN RUSSELL BELLHOUSE, The defendant in the above styled cases, petitioning this honorable court to appoint legal counsel, based on the following reasons;

1. The defendant is unable to afford counsel. In the defendant's prior criminal case, the court ruled he was indigent.

2. The issues involved in these cases are complex. As of this date, five (5) cases have been consolidated under one case. Two (2) additional cases may be added in the future.

3. In "exceptional circumstances", a district court may appoint counsel for indigent civil litigants. The defendant has no legal background and would be unable to articulate the complexity of the legal issues involved, in these consolidated lawsuits. These cases will require the expertise of a well qualified attorney that would be able to conduct extensive documentary discovery, conduct depositions of all parties involved, plusof other unknown witnesses connected to the cases, etc. The plaintiffs have requested a jury trial, which requires much greater legal skill than the defendant has or can develop.

(Nunn v. Certified Officers 2023 9th Cir. USD LEXIS 217864

Rand v. Rawland 113 F.3d 1520, 1977, US APP LEXIS 12798,

Aldabe v. Aldabe, 616 F.2d 1089, 1093, (9th Cir. 1980),

Wilborn, 789 F.2d at 1331 (quoting Weygandt v. Look, 718 F.2d 952, 954 (9th Cir. 1983), Solis v. County of Los Angeles, 514 F.3d 946, 958, (9th Cir. 2008)).

WHEREFORE, the defendant's motion for appointment of counsel should be granted. Pursuant to 20 U.S.C.§1746, I declere under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Respectfully submitted.

John Russell Bellhouse

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